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In re the application of:

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For: BIAXIALLY ORIENTED FILM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee and examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 15, 16 and 27 as follows:

al 3. (Amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the height of the micro protrusions is 2 to 30 nm.

a2 15. (Amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 14